

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Amend the paragraph on page 8, lines 17-31, as follows:

The user system 100 may also include a protocol-aware application 106 (which in one embodiment is a SIP-aware application) that is coupled to receive control signaling from the SIP stack 110 or to provide control signaling to the SIP stack 110 for generation of SIP messages. The protocol-aware application 106 may be one of the applications 28 and 34 in Fig. 1. The SIP-aware application 106 can make decisions on how to process and respond to received SIP messages. For example, such SIP messages may be messages inviting the user system 100 to participate in a call session as well as various response messages indicating various stages of the progress of a call session setup. The protocol-aware application may also receive input from a user, such as through a user interface display 130. Based on the user input, the protocol-aware application 106 may send request or response messages through the SIP stack 110 to the data network 12 indicating initiation of a call, acceptance of a call request, or forwarding of the call to another device. Such tasks performed by the protocol-aware application 106 are examples of call control and status tasks. The user system 100 also includes control unit(s) 116 and storage device(s) 118.